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SHORTAGE IN CORN CROP THE BEAR FACTOR.

Cut in Steel Billets Is Another Source of Uneasiness.

New York, Sept. 20—An expert crop estimate of 1,990,000,000 but of corn, which was given to the public yesterday, caused a momentary jump in the corn market, which was more than lost be-fore the day was over, while the corretrieved. But that estimate was reinforced to-day by the expressed credence of President Hill of the Great Northern Italiway, and was thus given renewed influence on stocks. The consequence was a decline in prices, which affected not only the corn carriers, but the stock carriers, the strangers, Pacifics, coalers, trank lines; and, in fact, every department of the railroad list.

The scars on the corn crop probably also had a large shade, as did the weakness in the industrial list, although there were special causes also at work in that department. The estimates of the crop based on conditions past were given added force by the weather reports showing dangerously low temperatures in the Northwest, and forecasts of frosts for tomorrew, over a wide area in the West and Northwest. retrieved. But that estimate was rein-National Lead North west, and forecasts of frosts for tomorrow, over a wide area in the West and Northwest, and Northwest.

CROP BULLETIN.

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obscure in its expression, but offered little to cheer the apprehensive over either the to cheer the apprehensive over either the corn or the cotton crop. The determined optimism, which a large speculative element has accepted every suggestion of crop diamage for some time was thus rather severely tried.

The fall in prices which resulted from the first time of the selling, also disclosed the existence of stop-loss orders, placed below the market by holders anxieus to limit their losses.

Another source of uncashess seemed to be the announced cut in steel billets and other steel products, which was announced after the stock market closed yesterday, although this action had been clearly foreseen and accurately forested for many days. In fact, some of the recent strength of the steel stocks has been hased on the advantages expected to follow this cut in attracting belated orders and fixing the stability of the market.

Evidence of intended competition with United States Steel in some fluished lines was also an influence on that group.

Analgamated Copper offered some temporary resistance to the decline, due to an advance in copper, but ultimately yielded.

A more effective resistance was offered by Union Pacilae, which was H₂ over last night at one time late in the day. It was argued that Union Encilies corn territory was comparatively safe from frost damage. The movement may also have been intended as a reassurance to some current rumors regarding the health of the head of the system.

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BULLS ARE AGAIN IN CONTROL OF THE NORTHWESTERN MARKETS

112c to 158c on Fear of Futther Damage to Crop.

Chicago, Sept. 2t.-There was the same

Low temperatures in the Northwest, with scattered showers, suggesting injury to wheat in shock and stack; reports of buying at New York by Continental louses, and the shurp advances at Minneapells and Duluth furnished most of the encouragement for the bulls, and the advance was made casier by jesterday's beavy short selling on the advance to S. Ill's. Strength at Liverpool and Paria, the former up on the failure of La Plain Rivers to grade contract, was a potent factor. Some influence was excited airo by the authority that Armour had picked up the bulk of the wheat on the break Monday.

The market became a professional affair shortly after the opening. Minneapells speculators soid heavily. The St. Louis conlingent bought around \$1.0 and side almost in a body. Minneapells at one time was a size to grade a strong start to the wheat market, there being a lively demand alike from shorts and commission houses. The lost option opened with a gain of 1871-c to Philips of the St. Pactors that contributed considerable strength were factors and to market a through the Northwest and the exceedingly low grid grade contract, was a potent factor. Some influence was exerted airo by the firm tone of foreign grein markets. On the resulting a contributed considerable strength were factors and by the firm tone of foreign grein markets. The market at Minneapells at the option of the exceedingly low grid great the professional similar to prove the contributed considerable strength were factors and by the firm tone of foreign grein markets. There being a lively demand considerable at Refigited, May was up 14/5 to 11/6/16/2, at \$1.186, at \$1.186,

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the entire corn belt and the fact that J. J. Hill was quoted as estimating the J. J. Hill was quoted as estimating the corn crop at about 500,000 but smaller than the Government figures, started a wild scramble among shorts at the opening, and there was a range of like in initial transactions, with the high prices of the day recorded. The close was at a reaction of the from top with net gains of likelike.

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The carnival of short seiling Monday made the market unusually susceptible to buying and offerings at the opening were practically nil. Advices from fillinois and lows claimed from 60 to 50 per cent of the crop safe from all but a hard freeze. Cash prices were steady to the higher and shipping demand was curtailed by the advance. Sales only 10.000 hu. Local receipts were 300 cars and 28 are expected to-morrow. Bartlett, Pringle and Armour were buyers of May, and the Wrenn house took more corn. Selling was by the country and Southwestern holders.

OATS.
Oats showed the same indisposition to rapid or radical change in prices, the entire range only be with the close be up and strength apparently borrowed from other grains. Cash prices were steady to be lower with no improvement in the shipping demand. Frivate elevators contributed 2 cars and 71.00 bit to public stocks, and contract stocks increased 700.000 bit, for the week.

PROVISIONS. Provisions awoke from recent lethargy to a good trade stimulated by smaller port receipts than expected. A good cash demand and corn strength. There was active buying of Jan. product by commission houses and finel gains of 15976 were recorded. On the advance Cudahy cold Oct. Iard and ribe and took Jan., packers were taking the near-by and seling the deferred months.

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December and September Gain | Corn Advances 158c-Oats Are Up 14c-Provisions Gain 22 1 2c to 52 1-2c.

> BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Chleage, Sept. 10.-Active covering by shorts as the result of a cold wave in the

outset as yesterday, but buying power in the price of both wheat and corn here

Northwest would swoop down upon the gave shorts a big fright at the opening of the corn market. Traders had not yet entirely recovered from the bullish state-ments of the two well-known crop ex-perts made yesterday, and this fresh source of anxiety caused a wild scramble

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At the opening bids on the Dec, option were made at an advance of Fig. to 25c over yesterday's closing figures, the initial price being 51c to 5c. After touching 55c the price gradually eased off a triffe, declining to 55c before the end of the first hour. A dispatch from New York crediting James J. Hill with a statement that the total yield of corn will not exceed 100,00,000 bu, gave the market additional support during the latter part of the day, Dec, again selling around 51c.

The market closed decidely strong with Dec, at 51c,000 to 100.000 to 1 OATS.

As a result of the strength of corn the oats market held firm at a slight advance in prices. Trading, however, was very quiet. Dec. opened \$4c higher at \$254c, sold between \$254c and \$254c. Local receipts were 27 cars. RANGE OF FUTURES.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
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Wool.

Leaden, Sept. 20.—There was a large attendance at the opining of the fifth series of the mool auction sales to-day. Competition was sputted. First tambe and superior siles were sales to the market, while the East Side market had about 2 cars.

LOCAL SECURITIES EASY WITH MODERATE TRADING.

MERCANTILE TRUST WORKS LOWER.

Transit Is Barely Steady and Uni ted Railways Stock Is on the Downturn.

and values were generally slightly easier. Trausit had only

outset an yesterday, but buying power kept up better, and also the market had a last through \$1.10\times for May.

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St. Louis Cotton Market.

SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS

lowing the initial advance, but toward the close of the actains another raily sent prices upward. There was a good deal of nervouchess at the opening. This was mainly due to the weather in the Northwest and the unexpected strength of the foreign markets, which did not show any inclination to follow the previous day's domestic declines. Univer temperatures and rains in the string belt recived the talk of damage to the unharvested portion of the crop. There was temperary weakness in Liverpool, but losses there were quickly wiped out. Large receipts in the Northwest and a continued brisk movement of winter wheat shook the faith of the bulls for awhile, and in the second hour there was a let down on moderately heavy liquidation. Following this came some pretty strong damage reports from Manitola, which offset the bearish effect of easy closing cables. Toward the close of the seasion sentiment was unmistakably bullish and buying was brisk in the last hour. Prospects of more rain and a

reported decrease in the available supply were factors in the advance.

Weather indications for corn seemed decidedly ravorable to the long side. There were predictions of frost in Northern Hilbois and in Iowa and Nebraska. Opening prices were sharply higher and the strength of the market was well maintained

Dec. wheat opened have up and closed be up.

Dec. corn opened to up and closed Welle up. Dec. onts closed We up. Receipts of produce were in fair volume and prices of fruits and vegetables were generally steady.

Local securities were dull. Tractions and banking issues were slightly easier. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$1.32.34, halances \$55.38. Discount rates were steady between & and 6 per cent.

Spot cotton was to higher in the local market,

WHEAT CLOSES STRONG ON FROST PREDICTIONS.

SPRING BELT AGAIN IN DAN GER.

Corn Also Advances on the Receipt of Unfavorable Weather and Crop Reports.

Operators on the built side again assumed control of the wheat market yesterday. At times there was some uncertainty in their attack, but at the close they had the situation well in hand. The strength of their position was due mainly to the weather conditions in the system.

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to the weather conditions in the spring belt, where much rain had fallen and where temperatures were decidedly lower. Fear that the unharvested crop might be further damaged caused a general desire to buy.

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